

Historic Clothing from the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society Collection

The Duxbury Rural and Historical Society and The Duxbury Free Library have been committed to a collaboration for exhibiting the Society's historic clothing since 2007 in a purpose-built case. There is a rotating exhibit of the historic clothing on the DFL second floor resource area in a case designed and built by Craig Bloodgood, Curator at the Arts Complex Museum. The case is built to accommodate the needs of the fragile historic items, considerations of light intensity, dust and mold protection, and protection from being handled, have been uppermost in the design.

Mrs. Jane T. N. Fogg made a donation for the case that was matched by the DRHS. The library has a dedicated staff member that creates a complimentary display near the case for each new exhibit, and is responsible for appropriate signage. The rotation of the items has been every 3-4 months, depending on the availability of the DRHS Historic Clothing Committee.

On the Friday after the exhibit is changed, Madelon Ali, DRHS Historic Clothing Chairman, will give a 20-minute Gallery talk with a question and discussion time to follow.

The 2013 Installations

schedule of the Historical Clothing Collection displayed at The Duxbury Free Library Case, "Threads From Duxbury's Past" is as follows: Now through April 1, Downtown Abby-style clothes; April 1 - June 1, Nurses Uniforms, 1860 compared to 1960 with a gallery talk on Friday, April 5 at 11 a.m.; June 1 - Aug. 1, "The Girls Come Out to Play," with a gallery talk on Friday, June 7 at 11 a.m.; Aug. 1 - Oct. 1, "Croquet Anyone?" with a gallery talk on Aug. 9 at 11 a.m.; Oct. 1 - Dec. 1, "Hats, Hats, Hats" with a gallery talk on Oct. 4 at 11 a.m.; and Dec. 1 - Feb. 1, "Festive in Green Plaid" with a gallery talk on Dec. 6 at 11 a.m.